

Collision between High-speed Passenger Crafts *New Ferry LXXXV* (新輪捌拾伍) and *Dong Qu Yi Hao* (東區一號) in Position about 22° 10.3'N, 113° 38.6'E on 19 June 2006

1. The Incident

- 1.1 At about 1012 on 19 June 2006, the Hong Kong registered high speed passenger craft *New Ferry LXXXV* collided with the Chinese registered high speed passenger craft *Dong Qu Yi Hao* in the position 22° 10.3'N 113° 38.6'E. The weather was cloudy with heavy showers and there was a southwesterly gentle breeze. *New Ferry LXXXV* sustained structural damage to its starboard bow while *Dong Qu Yi Hao* sank shortly after the collision. There was no casualty and no pollution resulting from the collision.

2. Lessons

- 2.1 Masters and Navigating Officers should comply with COLREGS for navigation at all times especially in restricted visibility.
- 2.2 Navigating Officers should follow the proper bridge procedures by maintaining an effective communication between the bridge team members so that radar information can be effectively conveyed to the Master for collision avoidance in time of restricted visibility.